

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION**

ELIJAH BROWNLEE,

Plaintiff,

V.

CHATHAM COUNTY
DETENTION CENTER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CV423-279

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pro se plaintiff Elijah Brownlee filed this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 Complaint, alleging his mail was mishandled at Chatham County Detention Center. *See generally* doc. 1. The Court granted his request to proceed *in forma pauperis*, doc. 4 at 1, and directed him to return two forms, *id.* at 4-5. The deadline has expired and he has not returned the forms. *See generally* docket. Additionally, he has not complied with the District Judge's Order concerning assignment of this case to a magistrate judge. *See* doc. 3; *see generally* docket.

This Court has the authority to prune cases from its docket where parties have failed to comply with its Orders. *See* S.D. Ga. L.R. 41.1(b); *see also Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630–31 (1962) (courts

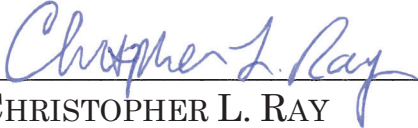
have the inherent authority to dismiss claims for lack of prosecution); *Mingo v. Sugar Cane Growers Co-op*, 864 F.2d 101, 102 (11th Cir. 1989) (“The district court possesses the inherent power to police its docket.”); *Jones v. Graham*, 709 F.2d 1457, 1458 (11th Cir. 1983); *Floyd v. United States*, CV491-277 (S.D. Ga. June 10, 1992). Brownlee’s failure to comply with the Court’s Orders provides a sufficient reason to dismiss his Complaint.

Accordingly, Brownlee’s Complaint should be **DISMISSED**. *See, e.g.*, Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). This Report and Recommendation (R&R) is submitted to the district judge assigned to this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and this Court’s Local Rule 72.3. Within 14 days of service, any party may file written objections to this R&R with the Court and serve a copy on all parties. The document should be captioned “Objections to Magistrate Judge’s Report and Recommendations.” Any request for additional time to file objections should be filed with the Clerk for consideration by the assigned district judge.

After the objections period has ended, the Clerk shall submit this R&R together with any objections to the assigned district judge. The district judge will review the magistrate judge’s findings and

recommendations pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). The parties are advised that failure to timely file objections will result in the waiver of rights on appeal. 11th Cir. R. 3-1; *see Symonette v. V.A. Leasing Corp.*, 648 F. App'x 787, 790 (11th Cir. 2016); *Mitchell v. United States*, 612 F. App'x 542, 545 (11th Cir. 2015).

SO REPORTED AND RECOMMENDED, this 27th day of October, 2023.



CHRISTOPHER L. RAY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA